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COUNTED CROSS STITCH

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NOTES:

The Susan Bates colors closest to DMC are suggested.
Exact matches are not guaranteed.

These designs will also fit:
2¼'' rings on 22 count • 3'' rings on 18 count
(except page 16)

These designs are on easy to read 8 squares to the inch grid.

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INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS NEEDED

FABRIC —
Any evenweave in 11, 14, 18 or 22 or more squares to the inch. The larger the number the smaller the finished design will be.

PLASTIC HOOP

BLUNT NEEDLE

FLOSS — DMC OR SUSAN BATES
We use 3 strands on 11 sq. fabric
2 strands on 14 sq. fabric
1 or 2 strands on 18 sq. fabric
1 strand on 22 sq. fabric

READING THE CHART
Each square on the chart represents a square on the fabric. The symbols in the squares indicate the color used in that particular square. Dark straight lines on a chart represents backstitching.

FIRST
Zig-Zag or hem edges of fabric to prevent unraveling.

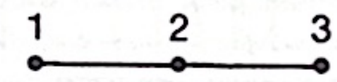
FINDING THE CENTER ON FABRIC
Find the center of your fabric by folding the fabric from right to left and then from the top to bottom. Where the creases meet on the fabric is your center.

FINDING THE CENTER ON CHART
There are arrows at the top and side of the chart. Follow these rows until they both meet in the center. This will be your center stitch or you may start at any square on the chart by counting from this center square to the square you choose to begin. Stitch an x on your fabric at that place and continue matching squares with the color symbols.

CROSS STITCH
Each square on the graph is one cross stitch like / and then a return stitch like\ making an x. You may make each x by itself or you may do all the stitches in one direction first then all the stitches in the other direction. Keep all the top threads in the x going in the same direction.

¾ STITCH
To sharply define objects, a ¾ stitch is called out like these ⋏ ⋏. Do not cross these stitches. Make a half cross in the direction of the slant, and fill in by adding a small stitch from the corner to the center, so the worked stitch looks like the symbol used in the graph.

BACKSTITCH
The other stitch you will need to know is the backstitch which makes a continuous line. Bring the needle up at 1 down at 2 up at 3 down at 2 following the direction of the backstitching on the chart. The heavy lines on a chart mean backstitch. Do the backstitching last.



BEGIN
Thread your needle with the proper strands of floss. Do not knot thread. Find the center. Now hold the thread on the back side of the fabric and work a few stitches over the thread until it is secured. To end your thread, run the needle under a few stitches on the back.

FINISHING
When your work is completed, wash by hand in lukewarm water and mild liquid detergent, rinsing well. Do not wring out your work — roll wet needlework in a towel and immediately iron dry on a padded surface.

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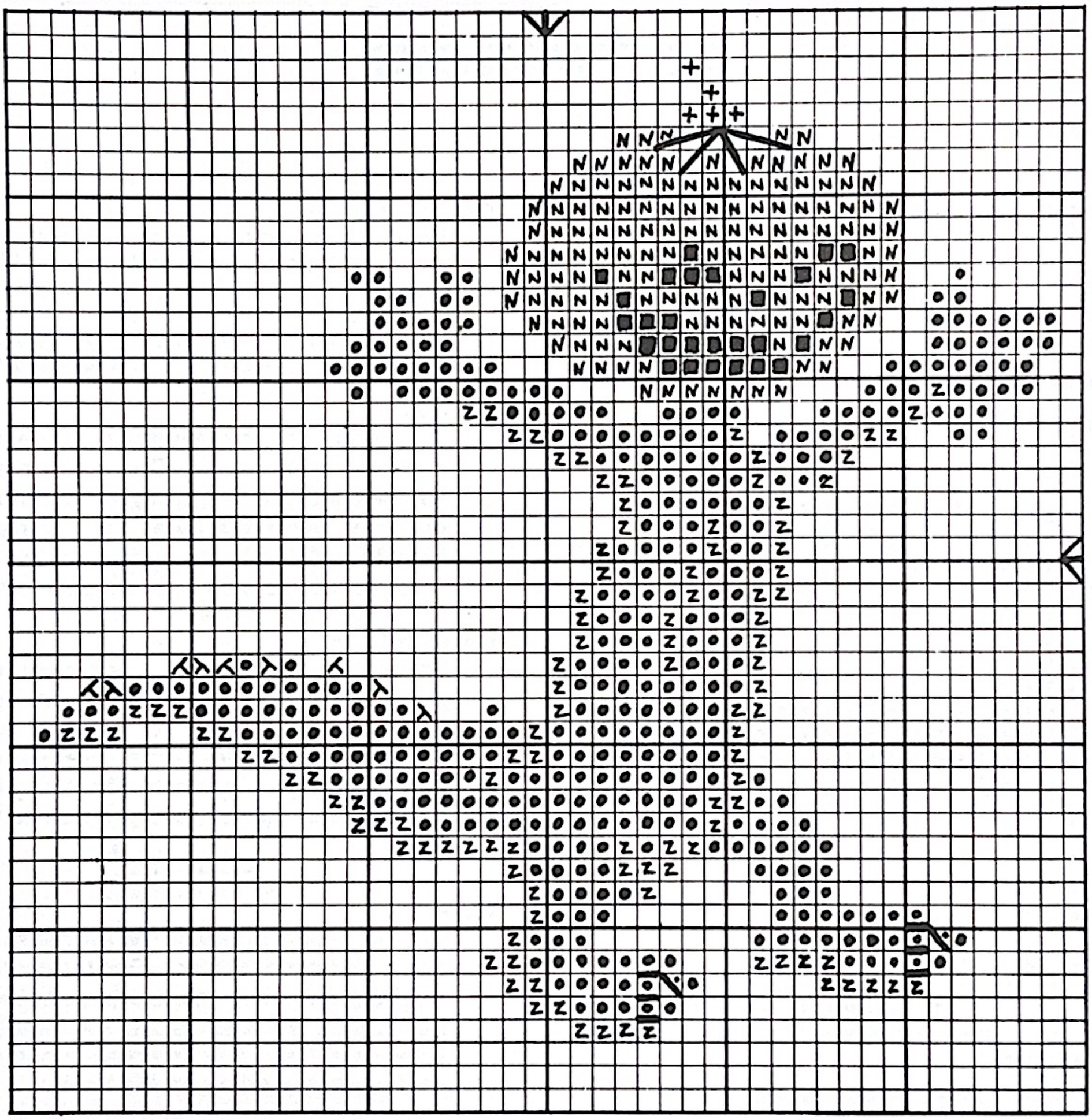

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HALLOWEEN

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
Z	469	0268	Avocado Green
■	310	0403	Black
N	947	0330	Burnt Orange
+	906	0256	Parrot Green-Med.

⅄ ⅄ ¾ Stitch in 471 (0266)

Backstitch:
all solid lines-310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 2⅛ x 2
18 count - 2⅝ x 2½
14 count - 3⅜ x 3⅛
11 count - 4¼ x 4

Stitch Count:
46 ↔ 43 ↕

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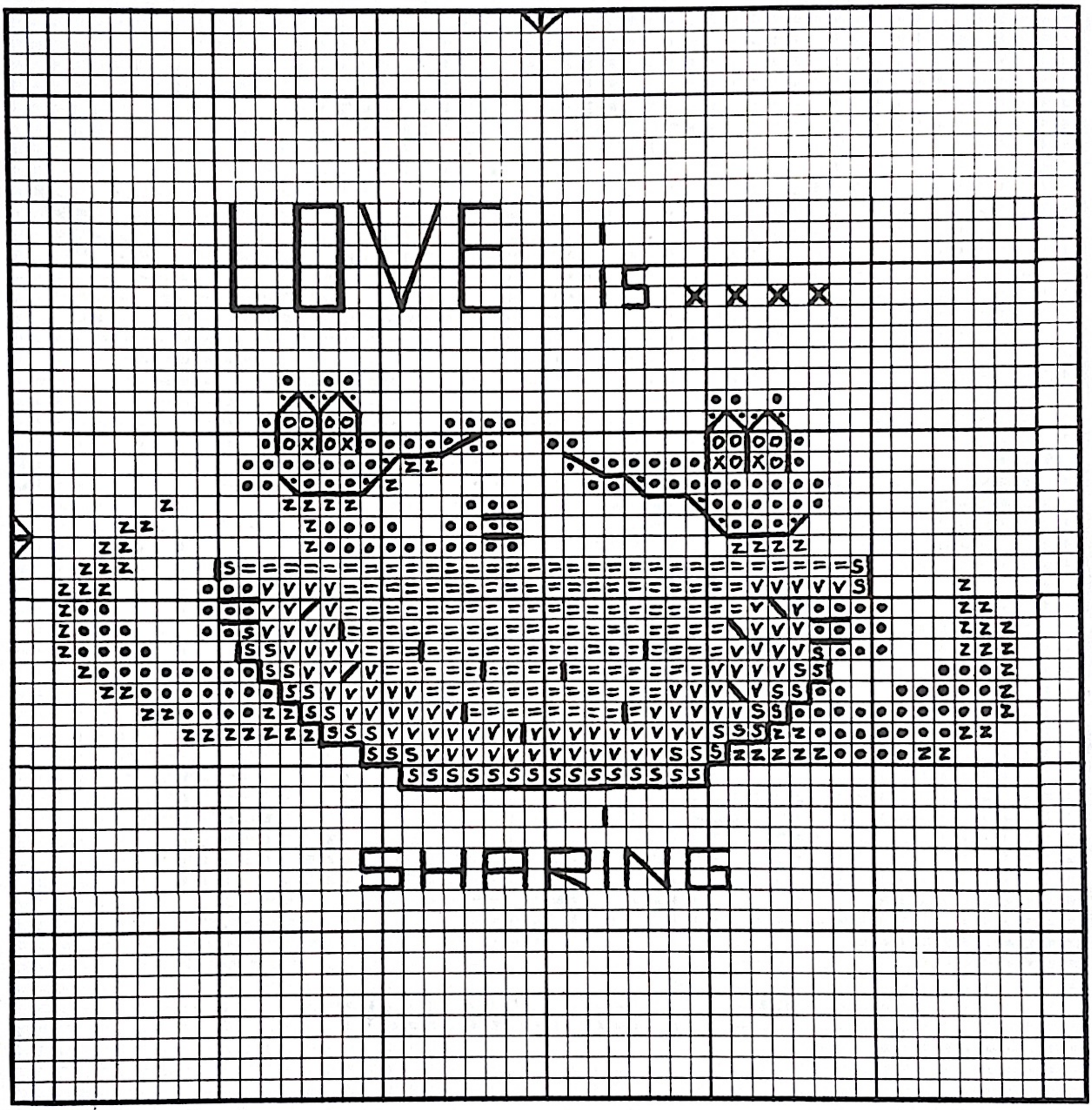

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SHARING

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
s	907	0255	Parrot Green-Lt.
v	892	028	Carnation-Med.
=	891	029	Carnation-Dk.
x	310	0403	Black
o	White	0402	White

Backstitch:

watermelon rind - 904 (0258)
seeds - 310 (0403)
all other solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:

22 count - 2¼ x 1½
18 count - 2⅝ x 1⅞
14 count - 3⅜ x 2⅜
11 count - 4⅜ x 3

Stitch Count:

↔ 47 ↕ 33

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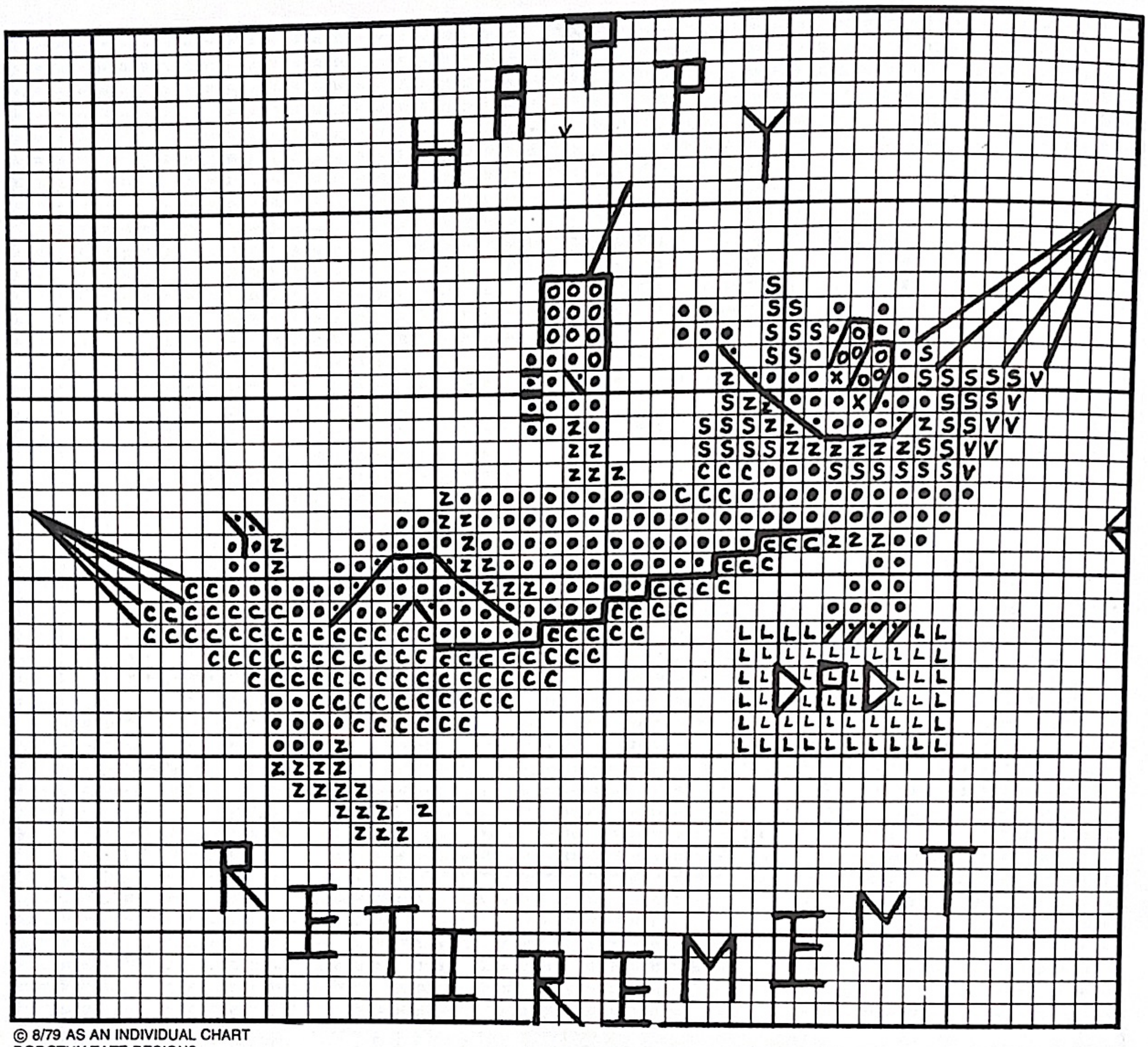

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RETIREMENT DAY

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
c	435	0309	Brown-Vy. Lt.
s	894	025	Carnation-Vy. Lt.
v	892	028	Carnation-Med.
L	726	0295	Topaz-Lt.
x	310	0403	Black
o	White	0402	White

Fill inside DAD's Book with 726 (0295), then backstitch 'Dad' on top.

Backstitch:

use long backstitches for hammock ropes - 310 (0403)
between hammock and body - 801 (0357)
legs, glass, straw, eyes, mouth, fingers, toes, words - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:

22 count - 2⅜ x 2
18 count - 2⅞ x 2½
14 count - 3⅝ x 3¼
11 count - 4⅝ x 4

Stitch Count:

↔ 50 ↕ 44

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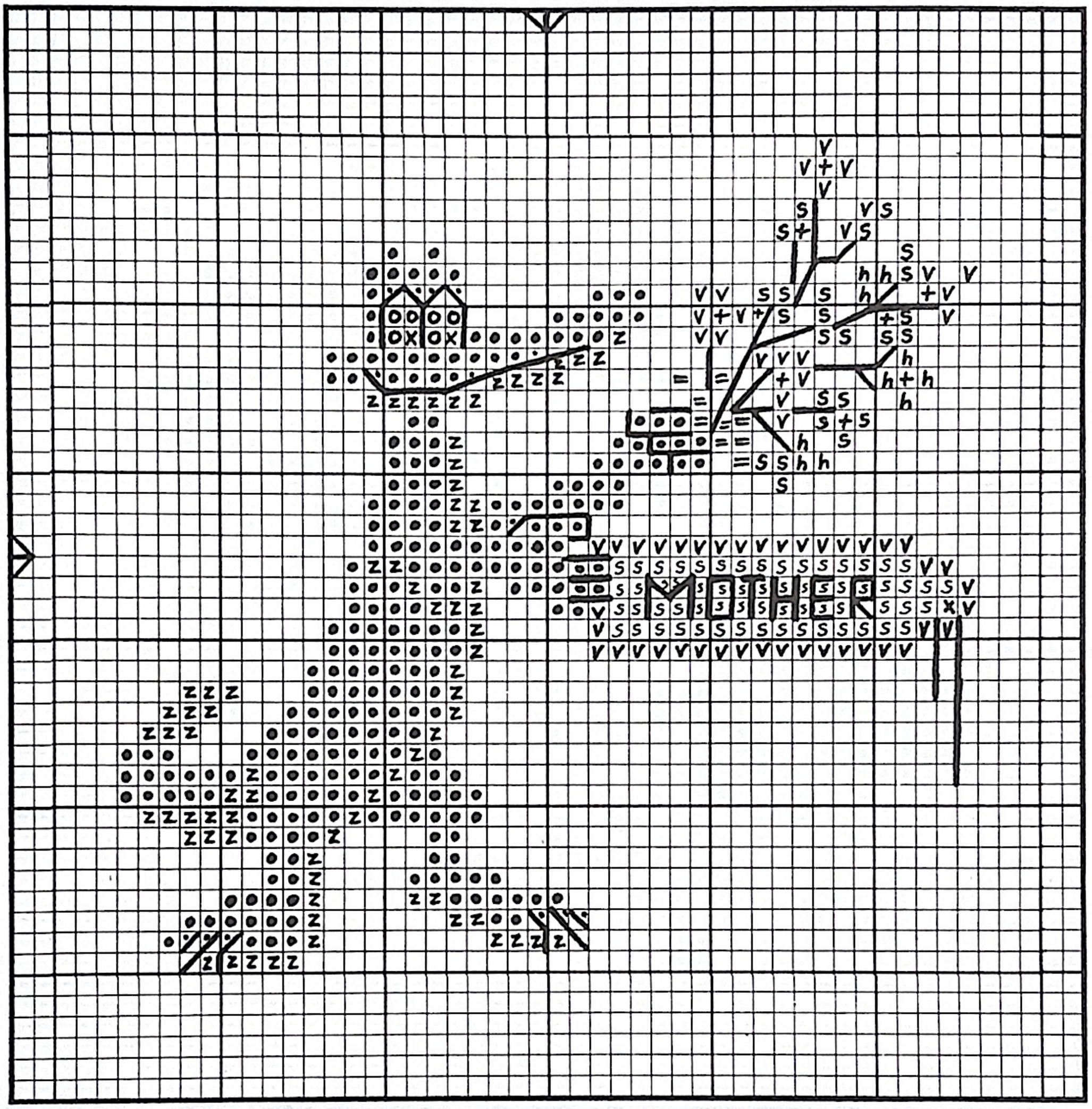

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MOTHER'S DAY

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
+	742	0303	Tangerine-Lt.
v	892	028	Carnation-Med.
x	310	0403	Black
=	906	0256	Parrot Green-Med.
s	894	025	Carnation-Vy. Lt.
h	553	098	Violet-Med.
o	White	0402	White

Fill inside tag with 894 (025), then backstitch word on top.

Backstitch:

stems - 904 (0258)
all other solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:

22 count - 2 x 1⅞
18 count - 2⅜ x 2¼
14 count - 3 x 2⅞
11 count - 3⅞ x 3¾

Stitch Count:

↔ 42 ↕ 40

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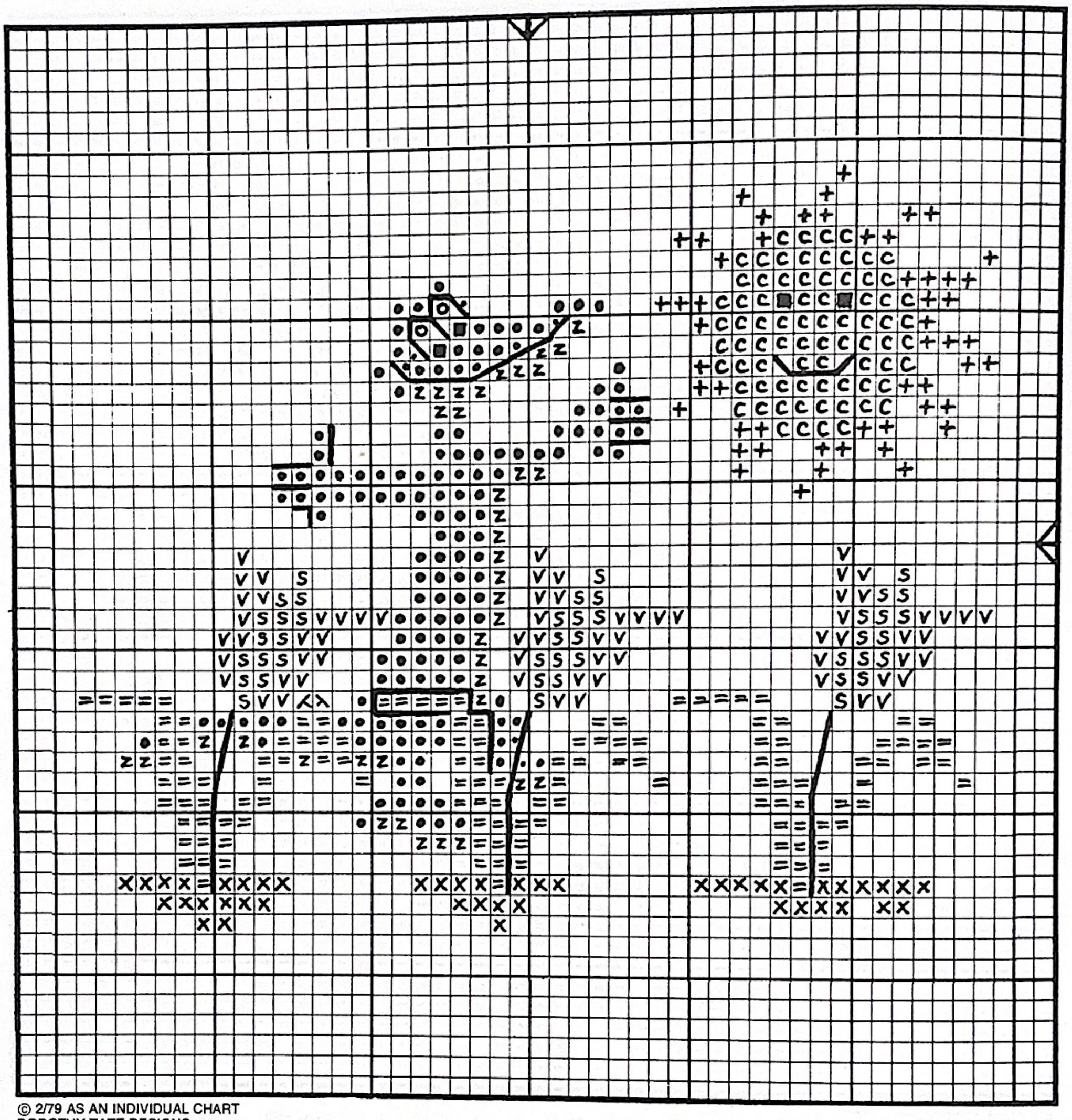

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SPRINGTIME

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
+	783	0307	Christmas Gold
■	310	0403	Black
=	906	0256	Parrot Green.-Med.
x	801	0357	Coffee Brown-Dk.
c	742	0303	Tangerine-Lt.
s	894	025	Carnation-Vy. Lt.
v	892	028	Carnation-Med.
o	White	0402	White

ㅅ ㅅ ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

Alternate Colors: s-519 (0167)
v-807 (0168)

Backstitch:

flower stems and around center leaf as shown - 895 (0246)
all other solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:

22 count - 2⅛ x 1¾
18 count - 2⅝ x 2⅛
14 count - 3⅜ x 2¾
11 count - 4¼ x 3⅜

Stitch Count:

46 ↔ 37 ↕

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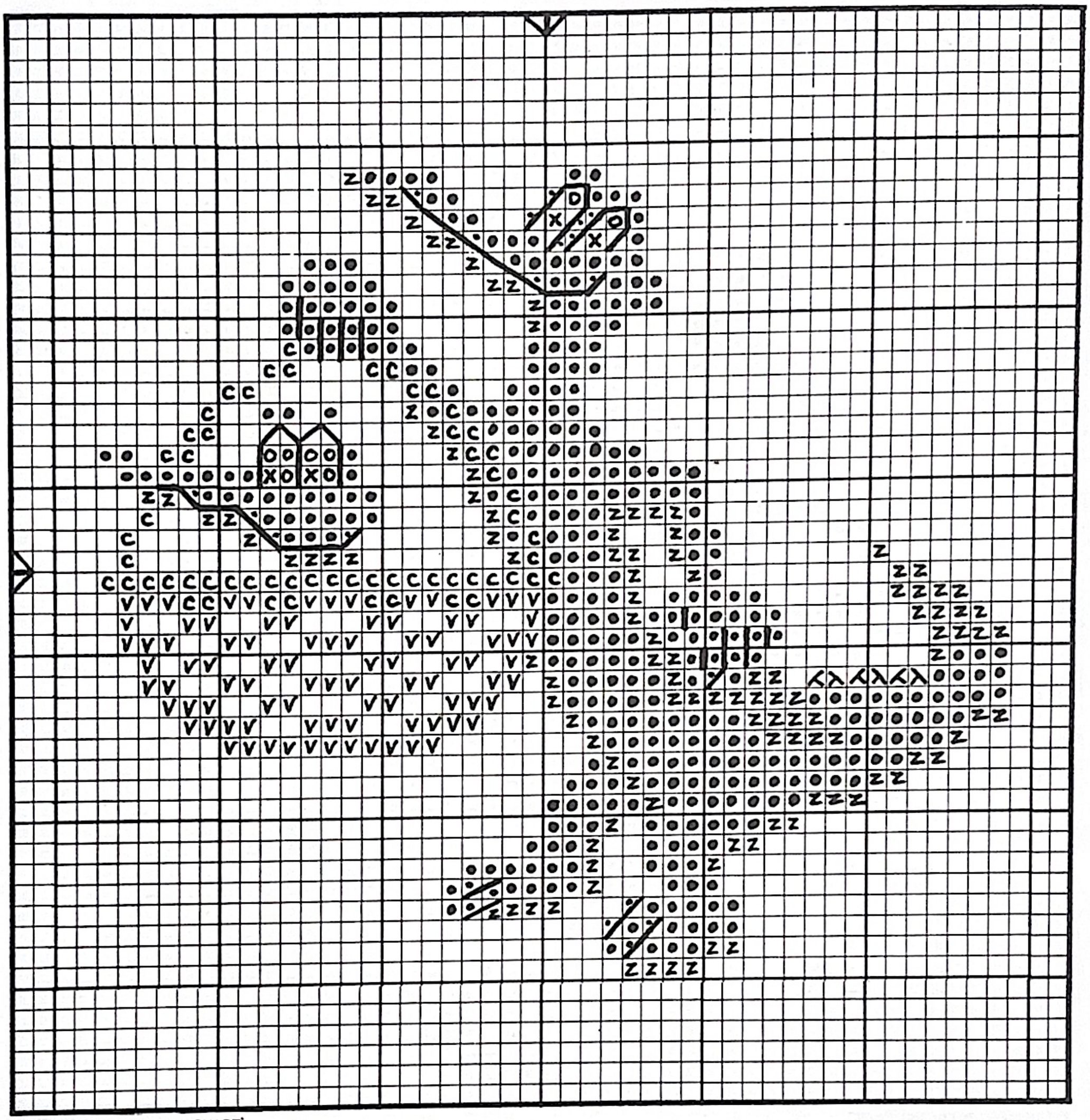

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BASKET O' JOY

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
x	310	0403	Black
c	435	0309	Brown-Vy. Lt.
v	801	0359	Coffee Brown-Dk.
o	White	0402	White

< > ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

Alternate Colors: c-894 (025)
v-892 (028)

Backstitch:
all solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 2⅛ x 1⅞
18 count - 2½ x 2¼
14 count - 3¼ x 2⅞
11 count - 4⅛ x 3⅝

Stitch Count:
↔ 45 ↕ 39

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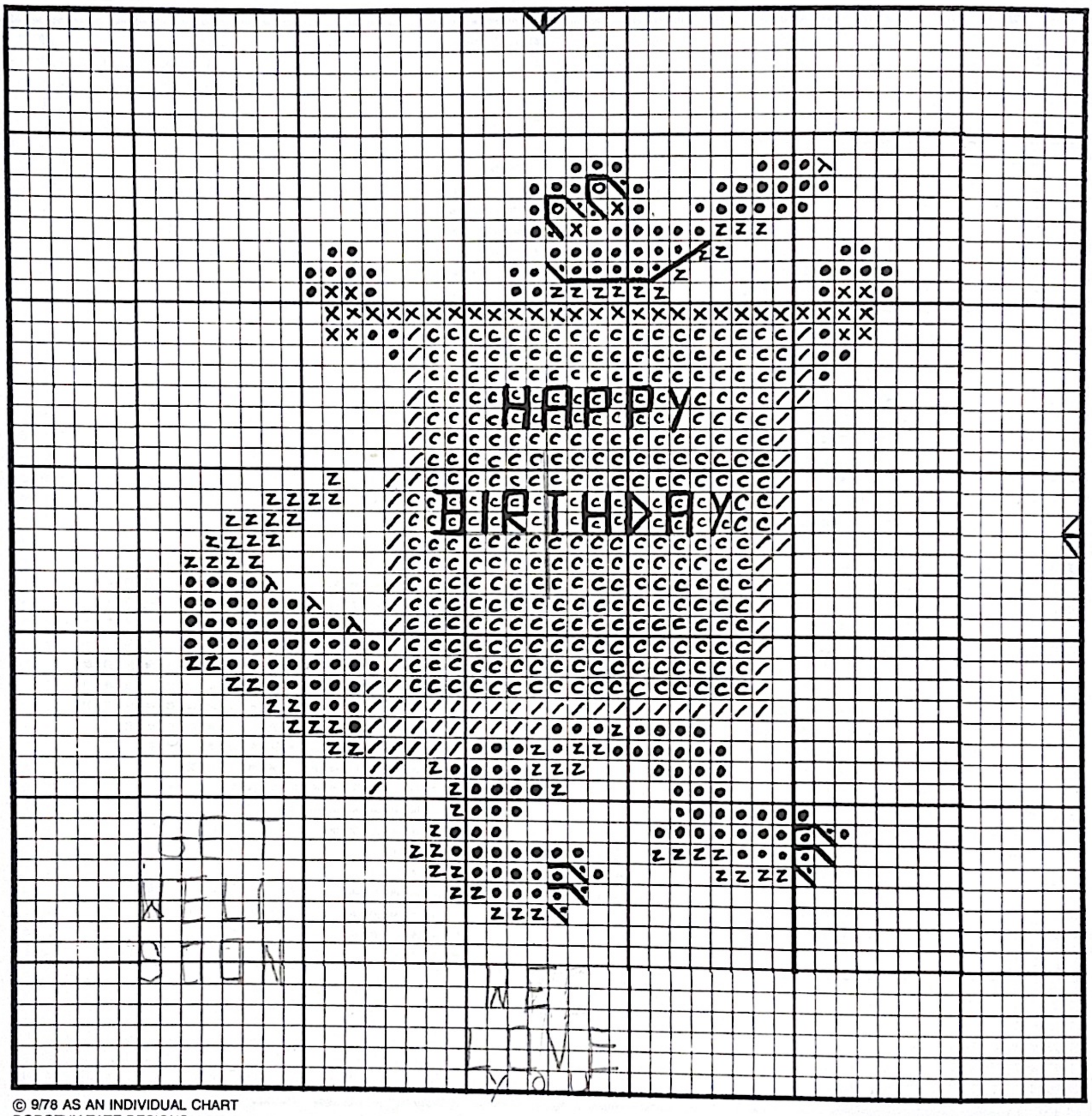

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BANNER DAY

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
x	310	0403	Black
/	892	028	Carnation-Med.
c	894	025	Carnation-Vy. Lt.
o	White	0402	White

< > ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

Alternate Colors for Banner: /-807 (0168)
c-519 (0167)

Change Banner Wording as Desired

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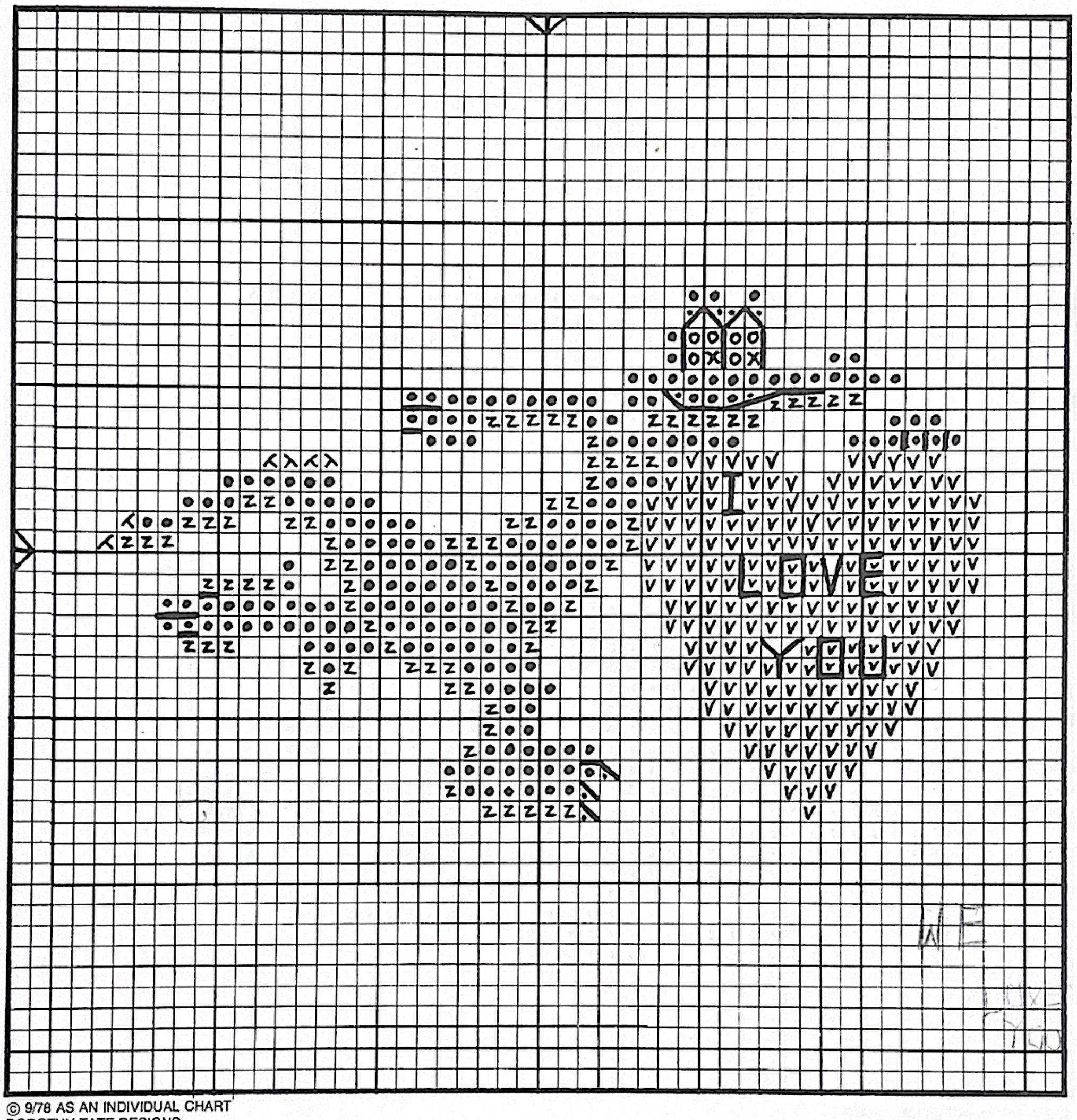
Backstitch:
all solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 1⅝ x 1¾
18 count - 2 x 2⅛
14 count - 2½ x 2¾
11 count - 3¼ x 3⅜

5¼ 7⅜
6½ x 6¾

Stitch Count:
35 ↔ 37 ↕



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VALENTINE IS ANY DAY

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
x	310	0403	Black
v	892	028	Carnation-Med.
o	White	0402	White

ᐸ ᐳ ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

Alternate Color for Heart: v-321 (047)

Backstitch:
all solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 2 x 1¼
18 count - 2½ x 1½
14 count - 3¼ x 1⅞
11 count - 4 x 2⅜

Stitch Count:
⟷ 44 ↕ 26

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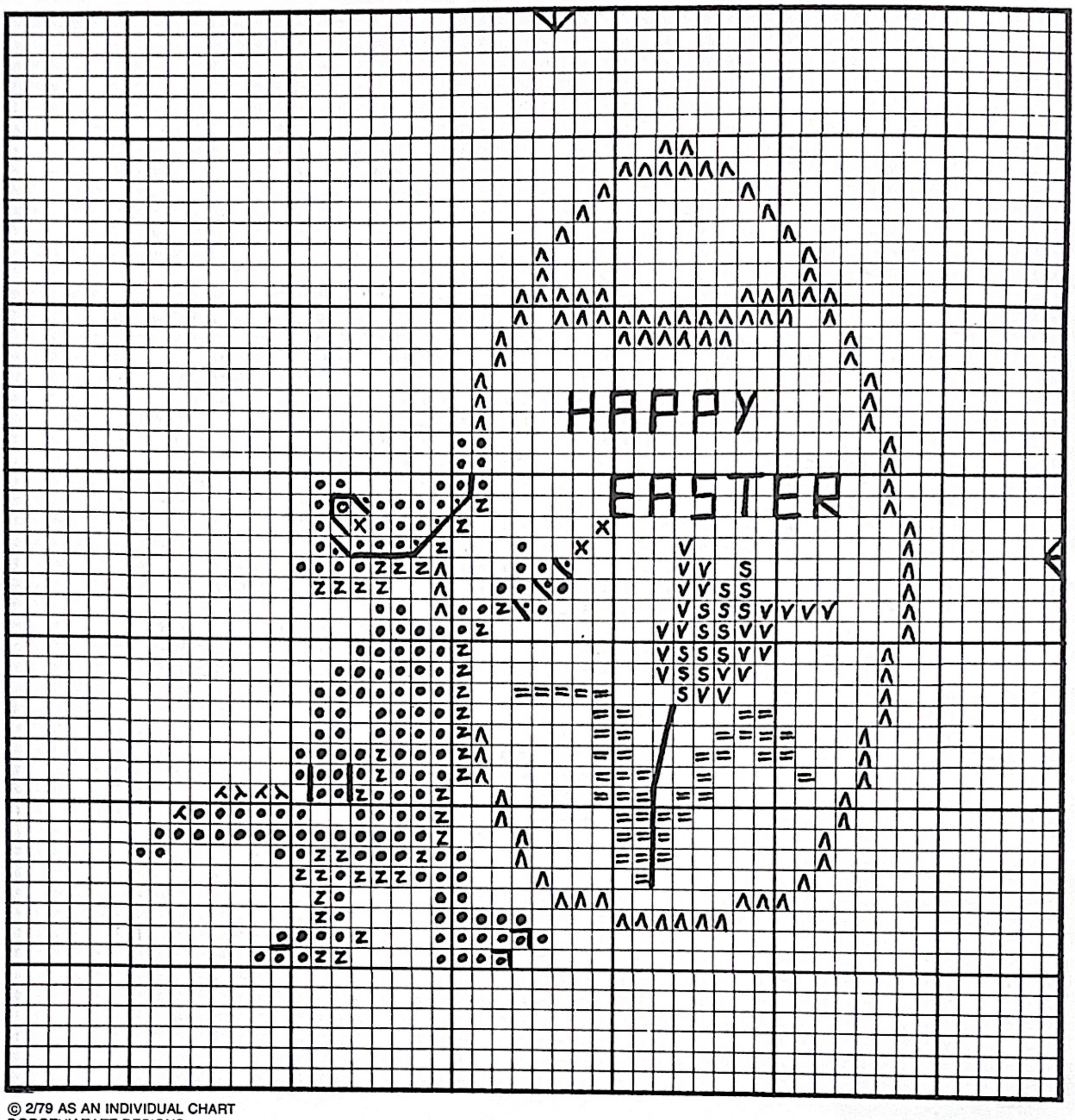

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EASTER

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
x	310	0403	Black
=	906	0256	Parrot Green-Med.
s	894	025	Carnation-Vy. Lt.
v	892	028	Carnation-Med.
∧	893	027	Carnation-Lt.
o	White	0402	White

⅄ ⅄ ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

Alternate Colors for Egg: s 519 (0167)
v 807 (0168)
Fill egg - 726 (0295) ∧ 807

Backstitch:
flower stem - 895 (0246)
all other solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 1⅞ x 1⅞
18 count - 2¼ x 2¼
14 count - 2⅞ x 2⅞
11 count - 3¾ x 3¾

Stitch Count:
↔ 39 ↕ 40

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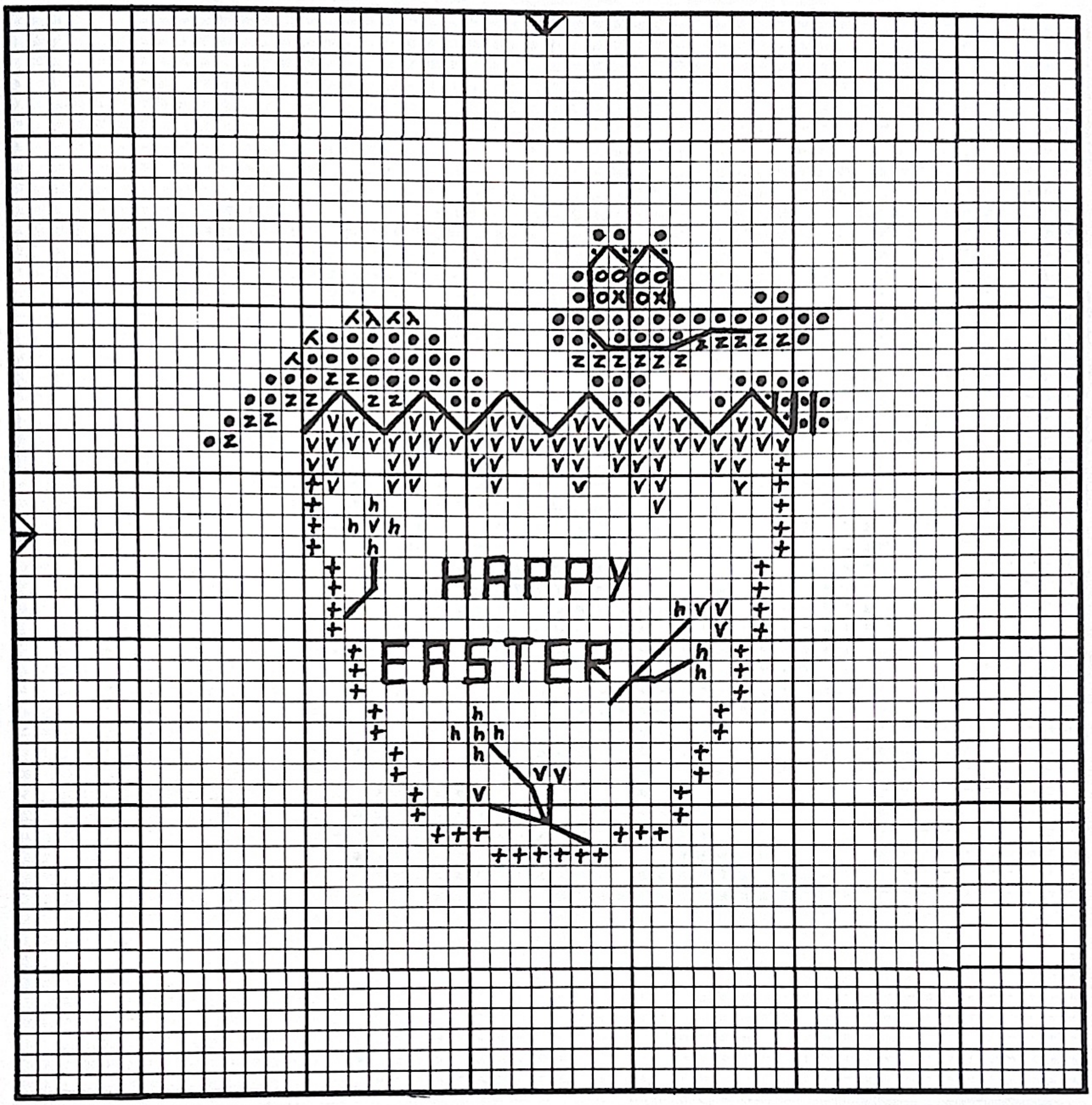

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SURPRISE

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
+	783	0307	Christmas Gold
h	553	098	Violet-Med.
v	892	028	Carnation-Med.
o	White	0402	White
x	310	0403	Black

ᐸ ᐳ ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

Alternate Color for v 807 (0168)

Fill egg - 726 (0295)

Backstitch:

flower stem - 895 (0246)
top of broken egg - 892 (028)
all other solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:

22 count - 1½ x 1½
18 count - 1¾ x 1¾
14 count - 2¼ x 2¼
11 count - 2⅞ x 2⅞

Stitch Count:

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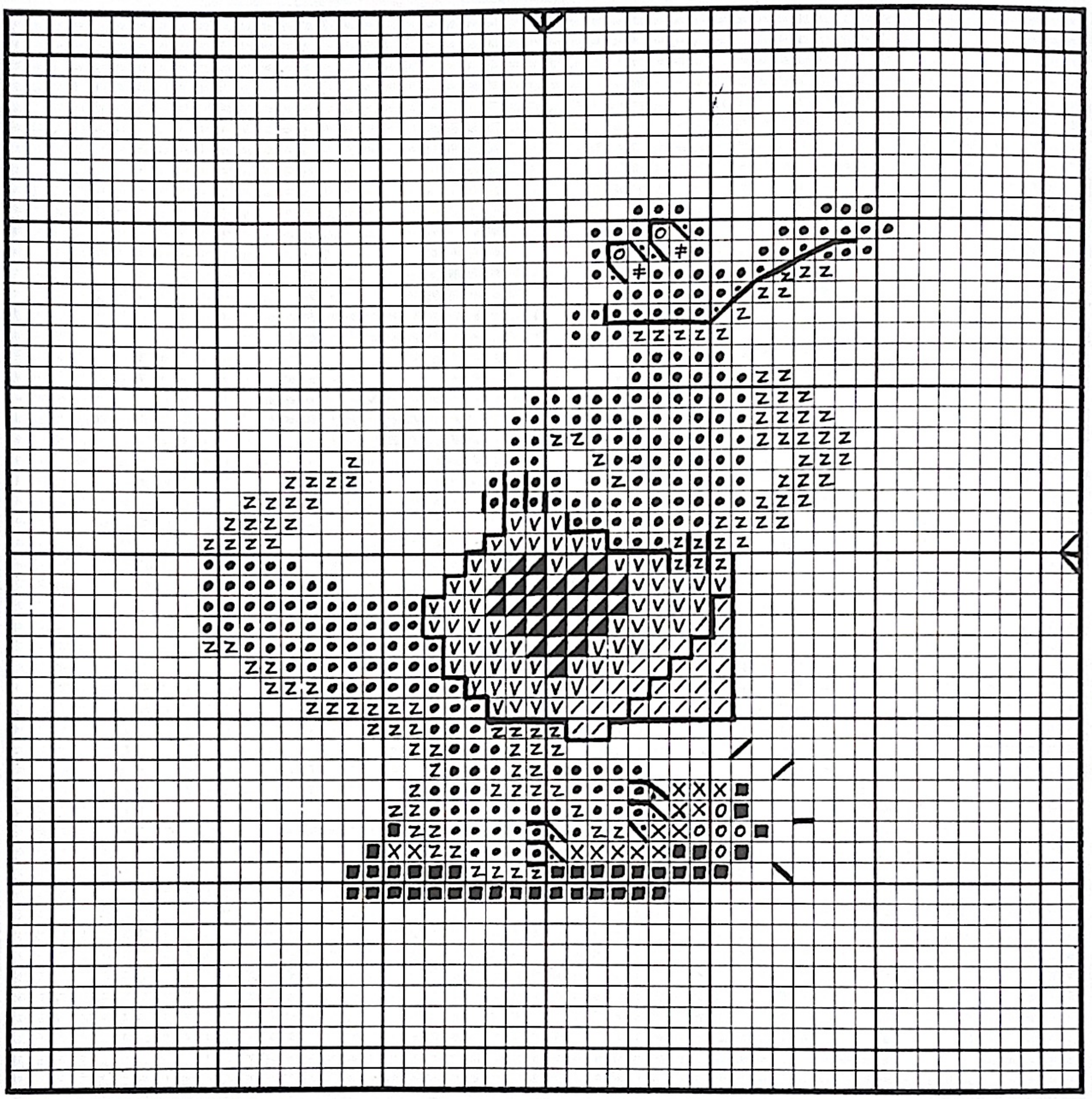
DIET DAYS



	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
≠	310	0403	Black
/	783	0307	Christmas Gold
◢	321	047	Christmas Red
v	725	0306	Topaz
o	White	0402	White
■	433	0371	Brown-Med.
x	976	0349	Golden Brown-Med.

Backstitch:
all solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 1⅝ x 1⅝
18 count - 2 x 2
14 count - 2½ x 2½
11 count - 3⅛ x 3⅛

Stitch Count:
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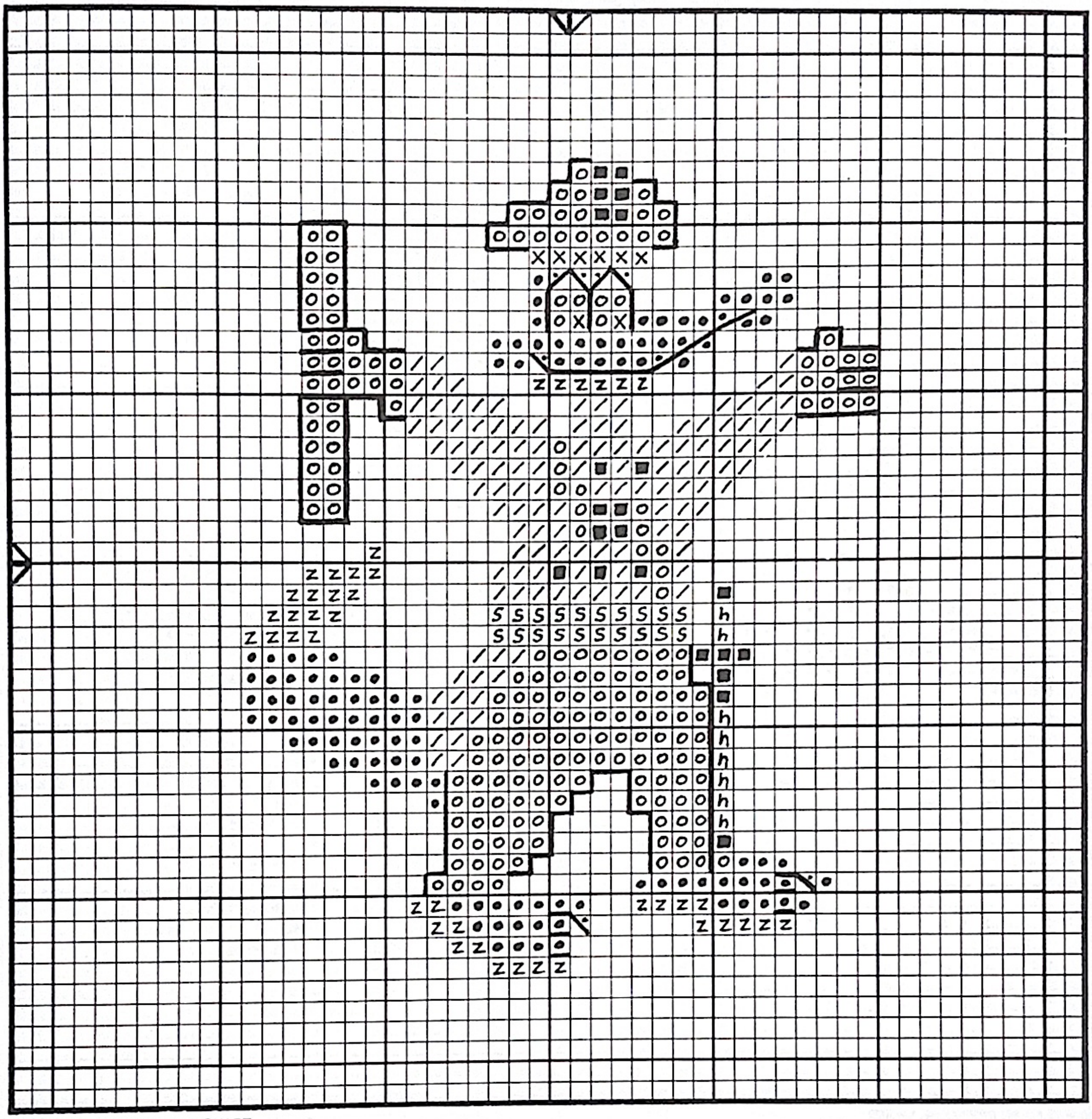

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COMMISSIONING CEREMONIES

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
/	932	0850	Antique Blue-Lt.
h	414	0400	Steel Grey-Dk.
x	310	0403	Black
o	White	0402	White
■	783	0307	Christmas Gold

Backstitch:

around cadet's diploma - 816 (044)
all other solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:

22 count - 1½ x 1⅞
18 count - 1¾ x 2¼
14 count - 2¼ x 2⅞
11 count - 2⅞ x 3⅝

Stitch Count:

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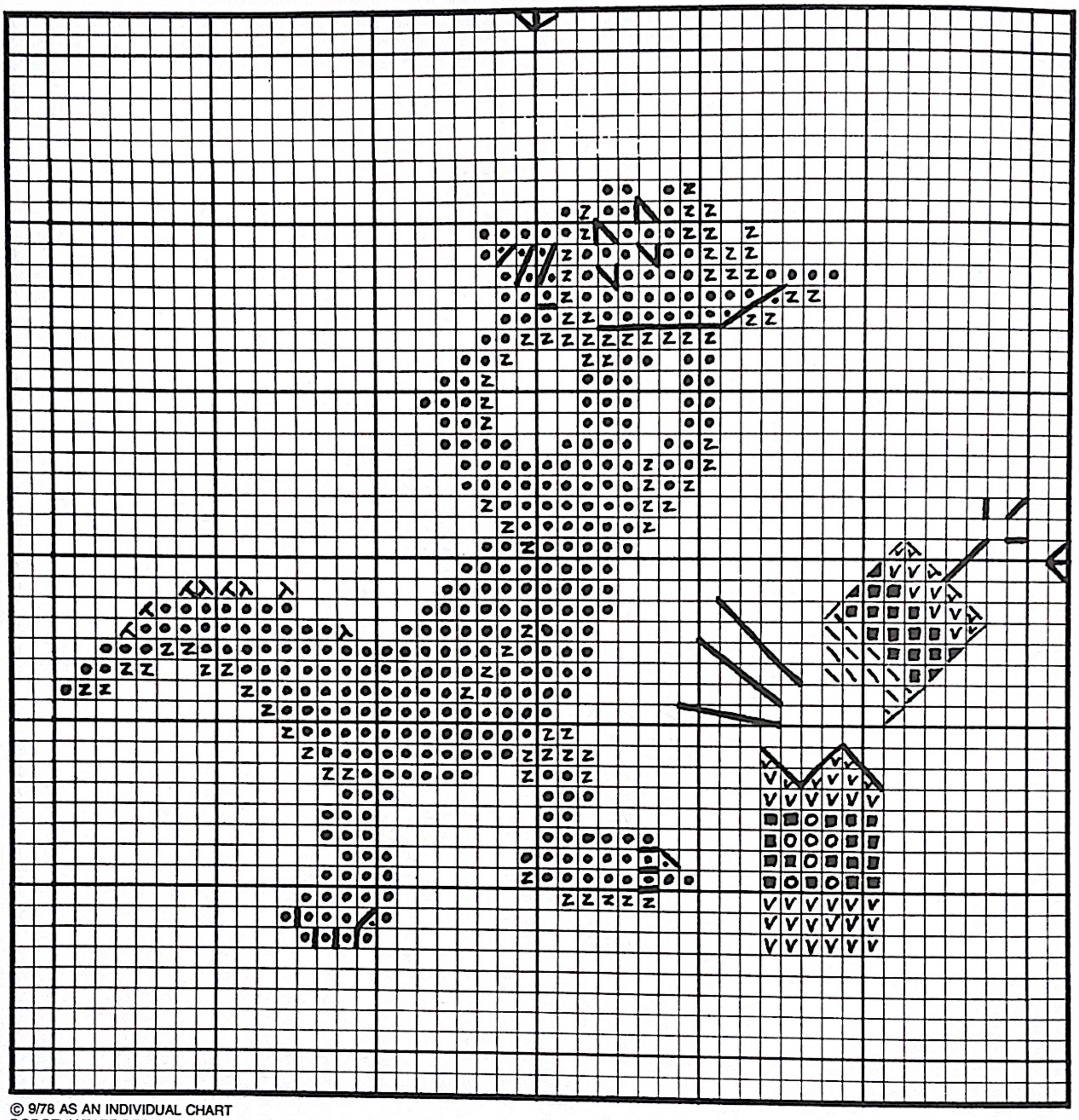

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CELEBRATION

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
■	799	0154	Delft-Med.
v	321	047	Christmas Red
\	816	044	Garnet
o	White	0402	White

< > ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

¾ stitches around firecracker
in adjacent color as shown.

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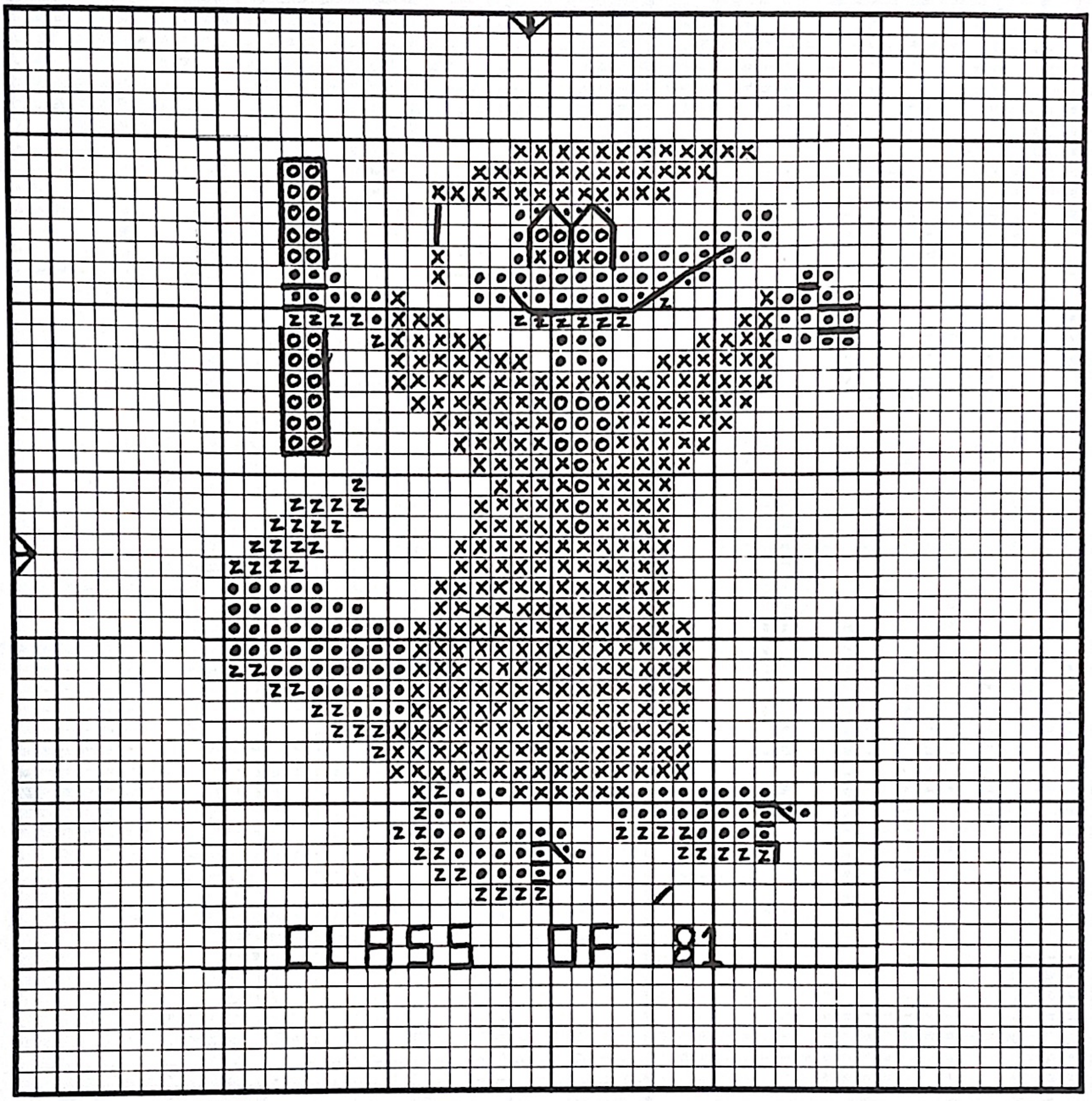
Backstitch:
all solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 2¼ x 1¾
18 count - 2¾ x 2⅛
14 count - 3½ x 2¾
11 count - 4⅜ x 3⅜

Stitch Count:
↔ 48 ↕ 37



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GRADUATION DAY

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
x	310	0403	Black
o	White	0402	White

Alternate Colors for Gown: 519 (0167)
or 894 (025)

Backstitch:
diploma - 435 (0309)
all other solid lines - 310 (0403)

Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 1½ x 1⅞
18 count - 1¾ x 2¼
14 count - 2¼ x 2⅞
11 count - 2⅞ x 3¾

Stitch Count:
↔ 31 ↕ 40

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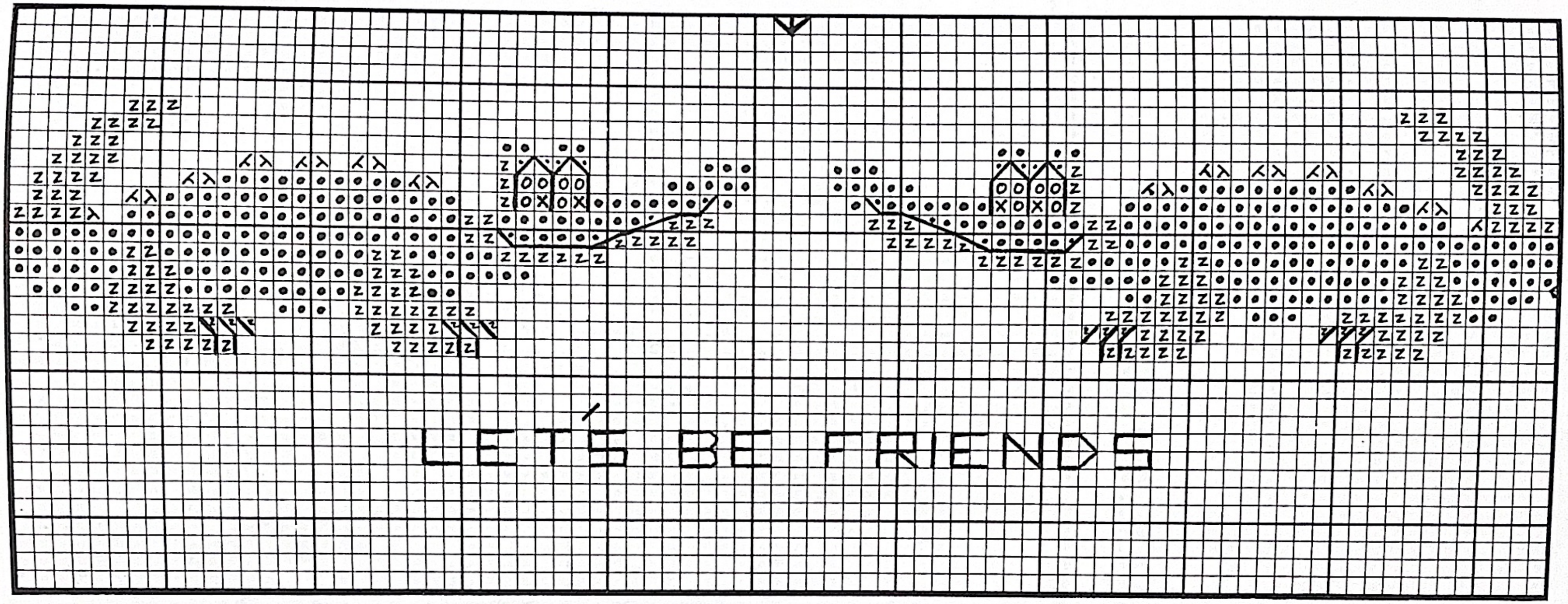

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HAPPY DAYS

	DMC	Bates	Color
•	471	0266	Avocado Green-Vy. Lt.
z	469	0268	Avocado Green
x	310	0403	Black
o	White	0402	White
s	321	047	Christmas Red

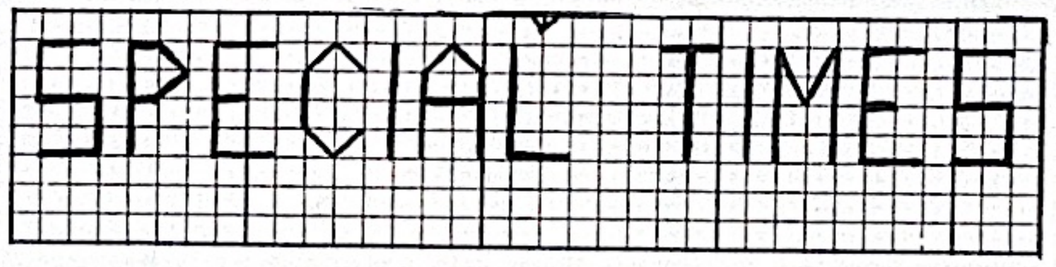
Backstitch:
all solid lines - 310 (0403)

⅄ ⅄ ¾ stitch in 471 (0266)

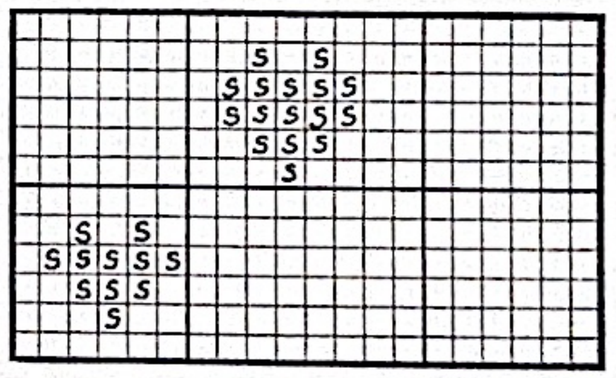
Approximate Image Size:
22 count - 3⅞ x 1
18 count - 4¾ x 1⅛
14 count - 6 x 1½
11 count - 7¾ x 2
(without hearts)

Stitch Count:
↔ 84 ↕ 20

ALTERNATE LEGEND



Alternate: Love; position lowest heart over his head.



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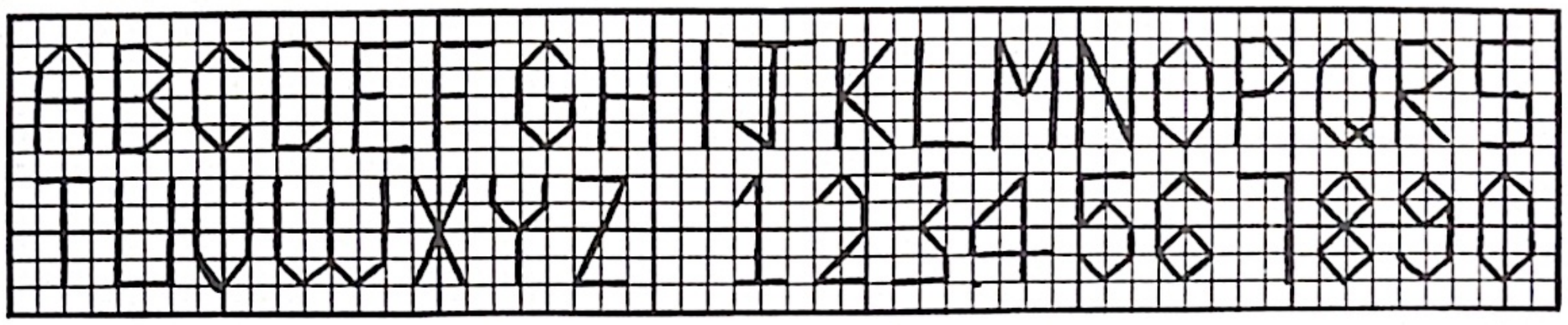

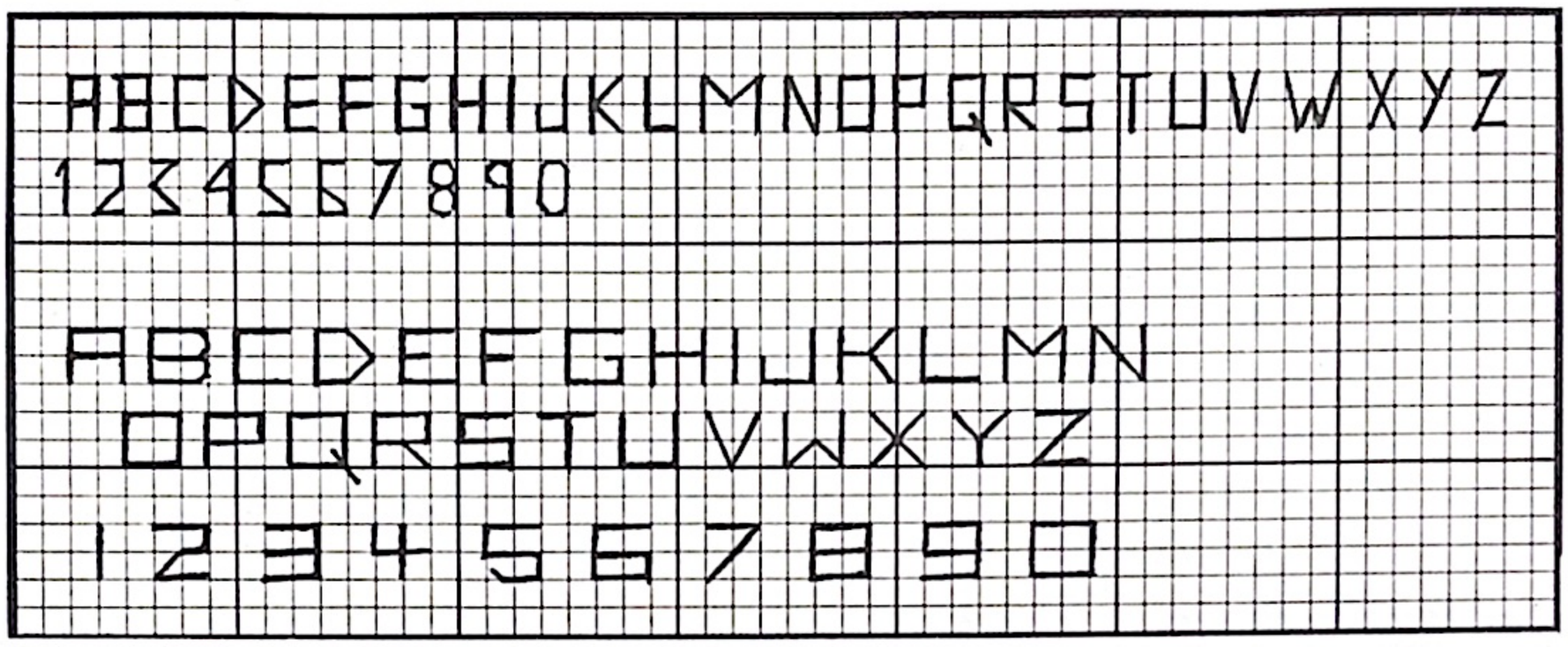

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SINGLE CHARTS:

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Carolina Sunset	Mini Croc #5 (Christmas)
Confederate Flags	Carolina Croc (Christmas) #1—#6
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Jacmore Needlecraft, Inc. 36 West 25th St., New York, N. Y. 10010 — Alligator belt buckle
Lee Frames, Route 3, Box 536, Rutherfordton, N. C. 28139 — Butterfly, watering can, heart frames
OOE/USA, Box 1467, Summerville, S. C. 29483 — Fabric
Salem Frames, Inc., P. O. Box 11902, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27106 — Round frames, paperweight, jar lid, rocking horse
Sudberry House, Box 421, Old Lyme, Conn. 06371 — Cheeseboard, box

QUILT — On 18 count, over two squares, using 3 strands of floss on 9'' squares
Arranged in following order:
Row 1 — Page 15 (blue); Page 8 (carnation); Page 10 (blue)
Row 2 — Page 2; Page 6 (blue)
Row 3 — Page 7, Page 3, Page 5
Row 4 — Page 10 (carnation); Page 8 (blue); Page 15 (carnation)
Finished size: (45'' wide by 47'' long including 3'' border)

WATERMELON PILLOW & RETIREMENT PILLOW: — on 18 Davos, 3 strands over 2 squares.

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